

Dear Parents and Carers,

Vaccination UK are providing the consent process for the Covid 19 vaccination programme for healthy 12-15 year olds in your area. We are not delivering the vaccination sessions themselves, that will be undertaken by local NHS partners.

Vaccination UK will use a screening process to filter out those children who may not be suitable at this time to receive the vaccine. This means that if your son or daughter fall into one of the categories below, consent may be declined by the clinical team, even if you have given consent.

To ensure that parents understand the reasons why their child may not have the vaccine they have given consent for on the day of the session, please see the following points below:

Children aged 11 or 16

Some children aged 11 or 16 fall into a school year group with 12-15 year olds. However, pupils of this age are not eligible for the vaccine in this programme and should not have a 'yes' consent completed for it. The vaccine is not yet licensed for 11-year-olds, and 16 year olds may get the vaccine through their local vaccination service. We kindly ask that pupils of 11 or 16 should have a 'decline' consent completed please. Whilst we do our own checks to ensure that pupils who are not eligible do not receive the vaccine, it would be very helpful if parents and carers of pupils aged 11 or 16 did not return a 'yes' consent submission.

Children who have had a positive PCR test for Covid in the past 28 days

Pupils who have had a positive PCR test in the last 28 days should not receive the vaccine. Please let us know if this is the case when submitting the form, but please be advised that your child will not be eligible in this round if the 28 days is not completed. They will be eligible in a catch up programme at a later date.

Children with underlying health issues or under the care of a specialist

There are very few children who cannot have the vaccine. Pupils who fall into this category will be screened for suitability for the vaccine. It would be best however, and in many cases, provide you with the most peace of mind if your family GP or your child's consultant could advise as to whether they feel your son or daughter should have the vaccine, as they know their condition best. Please let the team know when completing the consent form if you have spoken to your child's GP or consultant.

There will be provision for community catch-up sessions at a later date (to be advised) which your school will be made aware of when this is confirmed.

Any **consent related queries** can be forwarded to the following email address:

covid@v-uk.co.uk where we will endeavour to respond as soon as possible. Please note we cannot answer queries related to anything other than the consent process for this vaccination programme.

Kind Regards,

The School Immunisation Team